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**WALKER STATEMENT ON JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE BY MEMBERS OF THE  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD AND THE MILWAUKEE COMMON COUNCIL**

MILWAUKEE - County Executive Scott Walker made the following statement on the scheduled news conference featuring members of the Milwaukee County Board and the Milwaukee Common Council:

“I support a strong bus system in Milwaukee County. I do not, however, support a new sales tax to fund transit or any other transportation project. Taxes are too high in our area. A better route is to approve the proposal by Rep. Jeff Stone to use the existing sales tax collected from automobile purchases to fund transit and other transportation needs.”

“Passing a new sales tax will not lower property taxes. In 1992, the members of the Milwaukee County Board passed a .5% sales tax with the claim of property tax relief. From 1992 to 2002, the property tax levy went up 55%. The facts show that a new sales tax will mean a higher overall tax burden.”

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